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- ☒ 3. A concise explanation of relevance of non-English language reference 4 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (Refs. 1-4)

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APPENDIX

CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
BETWEEN THE INVENTION AND MATERIALS

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-329962

This reference is described in the specification.

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.Hei.11-202149
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.Hei.11-258447

We are enclosing herewith English translations of abstracts of these references provided by JPO and English abstracts of these references provided by EPO.

4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.Hei.2003-114353

This reference is a publication (Japanese Ko-kai) of basic Japanese patent application. It should be noted that this reference does not constitute a prior art under 35 USC §102(a) because this reference is made by the same inventors.

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